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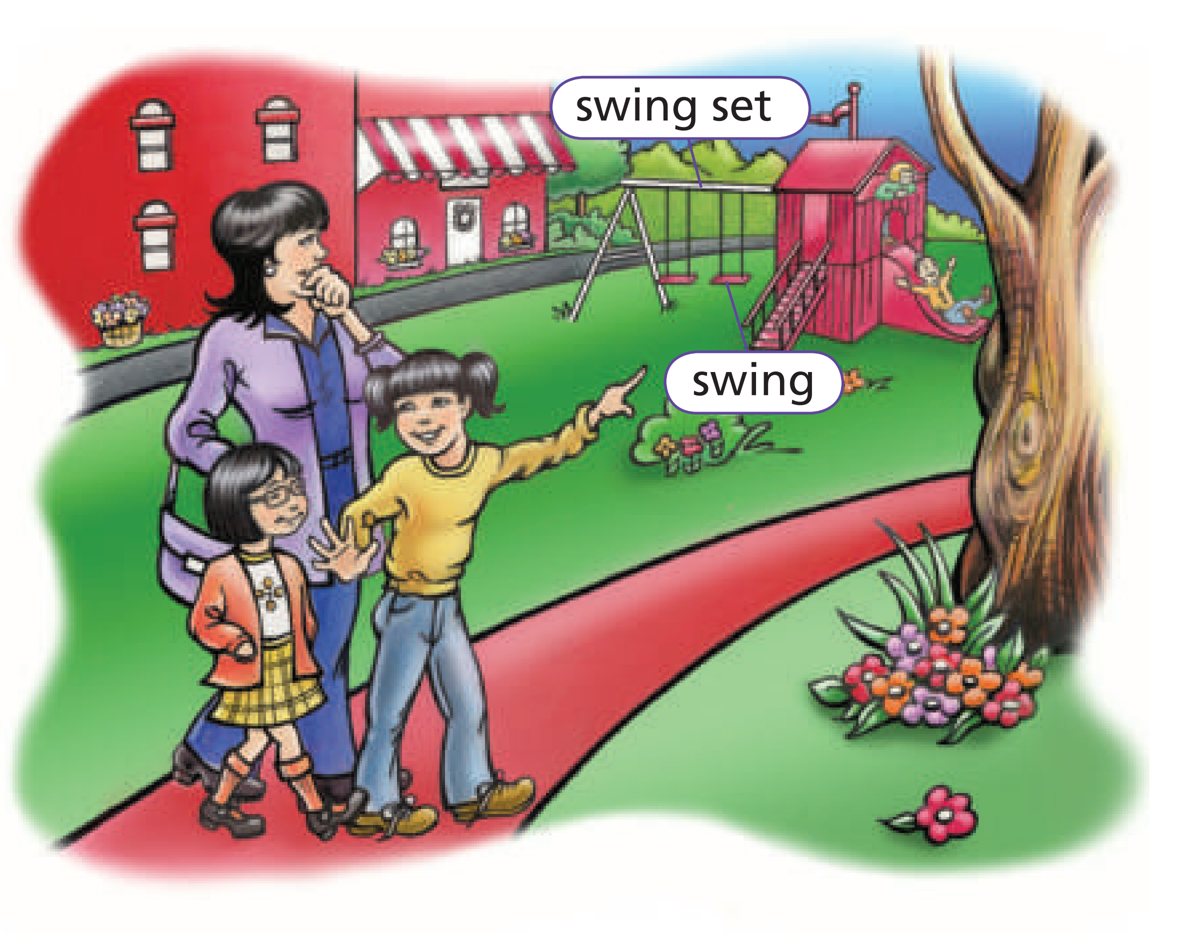
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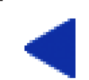




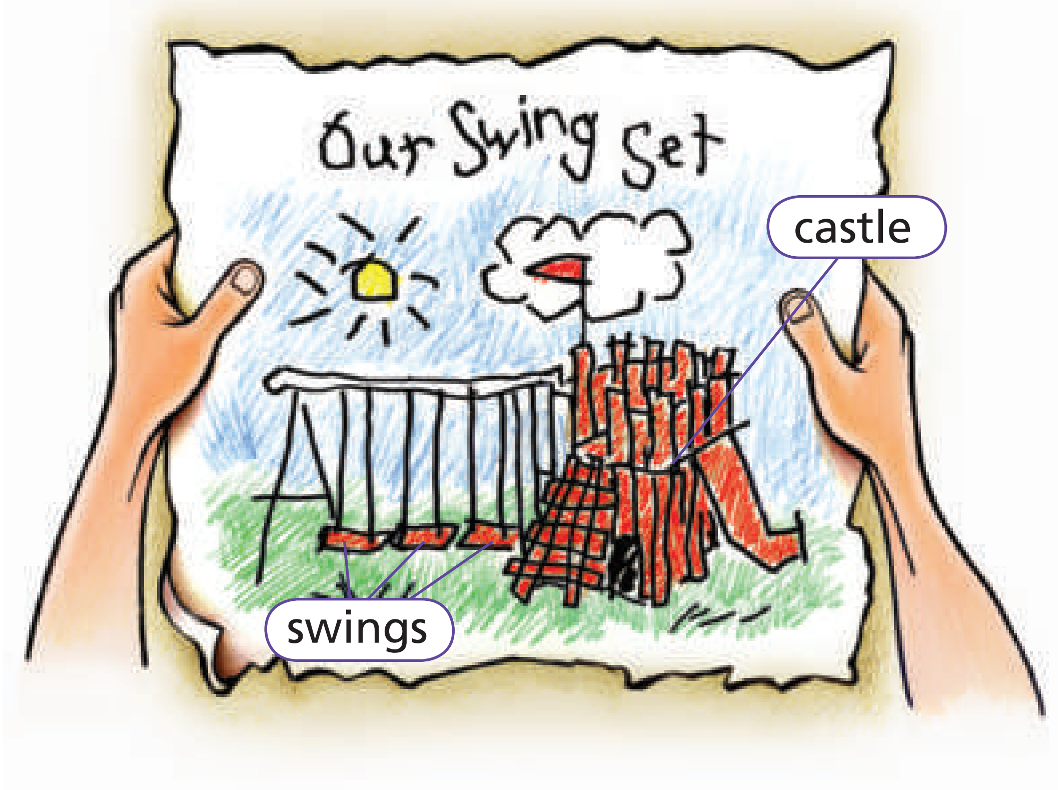
"Mom," Ada said. "I really want a swing set. I want a pretty one with a castle."

"Can we buy one?" said Emma, Ada's little sister.

"Maybe we can build our own," said Ada's mother. "But first we need a plan."







Ada and Emma's plan



"How many swings do we need?" Mom asked.

"We need two," Emma said.

"How about three swings?" Ada said. "We need an extra swing for a friend."





“We need wood and chains, and nails and screws,” Ada said. “Then we will be able to build a swing set. We will have a castle for playing. How will we get this stuff home?”

“A truck will bring it,” Mom said.





“Emma, watch how we work carefully.” Mom said. “We need to be very careful when we work.”

“When will we finish?” Ada asked.

“I think we will finish in a week,” Mom said. “I’m glad we have friends to help.”



castle
swing set
Swing Set
swing

"Today is the big day," Ada announced.

"Yes, we will finally finish," Mom said.

"We have worked hard," Emma said.

"I hope we can play soon," Ada said.



"We are lucky to have such nice friends," Mom said.

"We can have a party to thank them!" Ada said. "Everyone can try our new swing set and castle!"







"Welcome to my castle!" Ada said.
"Try my swings!" Emma shouted.
"Mom, we made you a card," Ada said.
"Let me read it." Mom said. "It says:
Thank You!
Love, Ada and Emma."





Talk About It

1. Tell about your favorite playground or another favorite place.
2. What kind of swing set do you think children would like?

Write About It

3. On a separate sheet of paper, write about something that you would like to build or make with your family.

Extend Language

Playground is made of the words *play* and *ground*. *Playground* is a compound word. Another compound word is *sidewalk*. It means "a *walk* on the *side* of something." Many sidewalks are along the sides of streets. Why do you think the words *play* and *ground* were put together to make the word *playground*?

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